



## FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—BELTSVILLE, INC.

P.O. Box 1061, Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061

The FAR-B Board of Directors met January 14, 1997 in Conference Room 238, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were: Pat Jackson, Wm. A. Bailey, E. E. Finney, Jr., Walter Rawls, Morton Beroza, Frank Longen, George Irving, Darwin Murrell, Phil Kearney, Gus Hanson, Steve Berberich, Bob Wright, and Al Herner.

President Kearney called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### Comments by Dr. Kearney

We have three new Associate Members of FAR-B.

Dr. Kuykendall of the Soybean & Alfalfa Lab contacted Dr. Kearney to seek financial assistance from FAR-B for a post-doc in his office. In view of the fact that we do not have a set policy in place, his request was declined.

Susan Fugate (NAL) - Expressed her thanks to FAR-B, as co-sponsor, for helping to organize the successful reception at the Ukrainian Embassy.

The Library Committee set up to look at NAL's associate program will be meeting this month. Sally Sinn will chair the meeting and invite Dr. Kearney to attend this meeting as well as Frank Longen to explain FAR-B's program. Dr. Kearney will bring FAR-B brochures. We are interested in exploring new opportunities to work with NAL.

Quarterly Newsletter - A meeting is planned to discuss a possible new format for the quarterly newsletter. Contributing individuals to the newsletter have been asked to forward their articles to Alice Murray by COB, Tuesday, January 21.

Dr. Murrell suggested a good contact for FAR-B/ARS news might be Jim Butcher, a FAR-B member. He is a writer for the local Beltsville newspaper and plans to have a weekly column on the Agricultural Research Center.

Term of Office - Board of Directors - Mort Beroza is Chair of the nominating committee for the March expiration date of the Board of Directors.

National Visitor Center - Dr. Knipling has asked Dr. Kearney to represent FAR-B at a meeting on the future of the National Visitor Center. The Visitor Center serves as a gateway for all visitors and is a showcase for ARS accomplishments and programs. Ray Leaman will coordinate this meeting.

### Beltsville Area Director's Report - K. D. Murrell

Travel Grant - The Beltsville Area has created a Fellowship program for travel.







New Position - Assistant Area Director, BA Office - A new position has been formed as Assistant Area Director, BA and Darrell Cole has been assigned to this position effective January 20. The job is different from the standard Assistant Area Directors in other areas. It includes Technical Transfer in addition to other responsibilities.

Michael Ruff will be Acting as Deputy to Dick Parry, Assistant to the Administrator, in the Office of Technology Transfer at Headquarters beginning January 20. Dr. Murrell will introduce Darrell Cole to FAR-B at a future meeting.

At the next FAR-B meeting Dr. Murrell would like to introduce Gary Evans, NRI Institute Director.

On January 17, there will be a nationally televised conference on NPS changes. The emphasis will be on restructuring of programs and assignments.

Dr. Murrell brought FAR-B up to date on other personnel changes and indicated that the RMIS system will also be overhauled.

Budget - The Secretary's budget is about finished. The President will delay sending the budget to Congress until February 6, after the State of the Union address. There may be program reductions throughout the Agency and if so, the Beltsville Area will be asked to take its share. There will be few increases.

We will run two pilot tests on interactive TV for the Administrator's conference calls (held every Tuesday). If it works well, we will use it for the budget conference with plans to increasingly doing that type of thing.

Controlled Environment Facility - In our Modernization plan, we had plans to build a central facility to house the many growth chambers scattered throughout our facility. Unfortunately it is coming in over budget and we don't have the necessary funding, so we are trying to redesign or rescale this project. We have recently discovered that three labs which originally had participated have dropped out. This has affected the design for the building which we are adjusting.

Modernization - The Modernization budget has fallen dramatically. There is not enough money to adequately take on a large project -- only small jobs. Congress needs to commit to continued funding -- it's a great concern. The Maryland delegation is also very concerned and has written a letter to the Secretary about modernization and program issues in Beltsville.

Frank Longen asked if it would help if FAR-B sent a letter to the Maryland delegation urging support of the Modernization plan. Dr. Murrell urged FAR-B to do this as well as all other interested parties.

There is a Research Leader's meeting February 13 at the Arboretum. If there is snow, we hope back-up will be at Beltsville that day. The Arboretum celebrates its 70th anniversary this year.







They are planning a large number of events throughout the year and Dr. Tom Elias will prepare a calendar of events.

Completed LPSI site study - When we get the funding, we will decide exactly where to build the animal facility. It will be on Powder Mill Road between buildings 200 and 306 and 307. We are losing many tenants and will have empty buildings, some which might be renovated for LPSI. Perhaps Poultry Road will be closed. This will be more of a radical change than we originally had envisioned.

The retreat for the Institute Directors was held in November. We made a lot of progress regarding the BA mission and identified areas we can explore. A 'Center without Walls' from a program standpoint needs to be established, using teams to tackle problems. Dr. Bob Wright heads an animal waste management program and has 12 scientists involved in projects such as sustainable agriculture.

There will be an open house in the spring at the new Compost Center.

MOU - Dr. Murrell asked if it would be possible for FAR-B to put up the \$6,000 now for the Symposium startup costs with the intention that it would recoup its expenses later, if needed. Dr. Kearney agreed.

Dr. Murrell has accepted a visiting professorship in Copenhagen once per year for three years for two four-week intervals. The Agency will give him two weeks official leave and the rest will be taken as annual leave.

Deceased - Herb Rothbart.

Carolyn Moore, Civil Rights EEO Manager, who is reporting to Korona Prince, Director for the Agency's Civil Rights Office, will now report to the Area Director. This type of consolidation will be taking place the next several years.

#### Treasurer's Report - Bill Bailey

The latest report, which was self-explanatory, was distributed.

Frank Logen noted there had been a good response to the membership renewal notice.

#### Symposium

Mort Beroza - Attended a meeting January 13. Everything is on schedule. The major point which needs attention is the publication of proceedings. The estimate obtained was too high in comparison to the last two years (\$22,000 vs. \$7,000). The Symposium committee is now contacting scientific journals which should be more reasonable.

Bob Wright/Al Herner - ECL - As previously stated, the Symposium is in the process of looking







for a publisher to contact for publication of the Proceedings. Al Herner is the Treasurer for the Symposium. He plans to forward checks to Bill Bailey on a weekly basis. They are starting to get letters from people who wish to have exhibits. It was suggested that a fixed price be established for the exhibits. A letter will be drafted on this subject.

#### Travel Award Committee - Gus Hanson

It was FAR-B's intention to be a separate committee to gain needed exposure. If research is being done here it would qualify. Clearance would be just the supervisor, the Area Office and then FAR-B. It will be restricted to research only. Dr. Kearney stated there would be a \$15,000 ceiling which might be awarded to one or two scientists or even split by perhaps three scientists.

Walter Rawls inquired about the possibility of working with the Beltsville Area Office. It was Dr. Kearney's thought to start as a separate FAR-B grant for the first year or two. As far as distribution of information on the award, it was decided it would only be sent to Research Leaders who would pass on the information to the appropriate scientists.

Dr. Murrell would prefer that it not go out the same time as the Area's. It was decided that it is too late for a 1997 award. For 1998, the due date for submission to FAR-B would be September 1, 1997, with an announcement of the award in January.

Dr. Finney made the motion that we implement the Award as discussed only after Dr. Murrell has seen and approved the draft with any desired changes. Gus Hanson seconded it.

#### New Business - Dr. Kearney

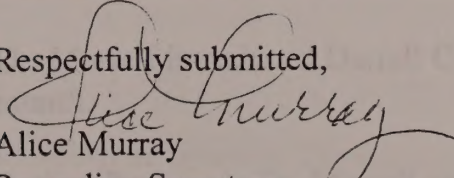
We need in place for the March Annual Meeting a slate of members for the Board of Directors. Mort contacted all the people on the Board and all agreed to continue except Dr. Hanson. FAR-B will need one new Board member. A few suggestions were made for a new slate of candidates and members were asked to have more names to contact at the February meeting.

#### Old Business - Walter Rawls

Walter passed out black and white copies of the new FAR-B brochure. He also mentioned that Ben Benedict is looking for appropriate memorial areas on both the East and West sides. After that is determined a proposal will be developed.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Alice Murray

Recording Secretary

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THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING WILL BE HELD: Tuesday, February 11 at 1 p.m.







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President Kearney called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

### Comments by Dr. Kearney

A reminder was made of the Annual Meeting to be held March 7 at a new location this year: Room 020, B-003. The FAR-B meeting will be held 1-2 p.m. and the Annual Meeting 2-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Board was informed of Steve Berberich's assignment to Headquarters.

Focus Group Meeting - National Visitor Center (NVC) - Ray Leaman coordinated and chaired this meeting. Some goals for the NVC: It is to be a center for information (not a museum), as well as a center for communications such as updated information and current issues in American agriculture. Who would pay for this and where it would be located is the question.

New Members - FAR-B has two new members: Phyllis and Bob Johnson.

Patron status was discussed. It was decided that we need to check our By-Laws for the definitions on Patron versus Associate membership. Dr. Murrell will get a copy of the By-Laws from Frank Longen. It was felt that we need to determine the intent of the contributor.

FAR-B Research and Training Grant - Information on this is in the new FAR-B newsletter. Dr. Murrell was asked to also put the information in the next issue of Under the Clocktower. Dr. Murrell will also bring this matter up at the Research Leaders' meeting. He asked Walter Rawls to discuss the FAR-B training award at the meeting. Dr. Kearney saw no problem with implementating the program this fall so it was decided we would proceed and provide Dr. Murrell with details.

### Beltsville Area Director's Office - K. D. Murrell

Dr. Murrell introduced Darrell Cole to the Board Of Directors. Gary Evans will join us next month.

Budget Program - Dr. Murrell gave handouts on impacts of the '98 budget: The Project Evaluation Guide which explains the process used to identify possible closures and a copy of a FAX which was sent to the Maryland Delegation in Congress. This FAX identified possible







projects for closure. Dr. Murrell stated that the unfortunate aspect of all this is that employees affected won't know their fate until August/September. To mitigate changes every support employee will be offered an alternative position. Scientists will receive a surplus letter to help them compete for all vacancies in the next 6-8 months. If the project is closed, and the scientist has not been selected for a vacancy, the Agency will find a position for reassignment.

Simultaneously, there is an effort to hire more scientists. There are 7-9 opportunities to hire new scientists at Beltsville. We will be recruiting during this fiscal year.

Retreat Follow-up Meeting - Three major topics were discussed which will be presented at the Research Leaders' meeting:

- o We need to find out if more coordination among existing programs in different management units is possible. It might give us more visibility in some program areas, and improve our chances for funding in high priority areas.
- o A possible formation of an informal consortium to get people together in areas of disease detection which would include plants, vegetables, animals, and involve chemical and molecular approaches.
- o Co-composting to create value-added products from composting. The Symposium in May will address this issue. Hopefully, this will help us increase funding.

Dr. Kearney brought up the safety issue of substances in food packaging such as polycarbonates. Congress has been giving grants to EPA and NIH to conduct studies on the safety of these food packages. We have analytical equipment here in Beltsville which can do the job. It was thought perhaps we can qualify for some of these grants.

Grove of Trees for Memorial - Dr. Murrell indicated his support of the project. Walter Rawls will continue to work on this.

New compost Facility - This is now open. It can be our centerpiece on co-utilization work. We will hold an Open House this spring.

#### Treasurer's Report - Bill Bailey

A copy of the Treasurer's Report is included with this month's minutes.

#### Symposium - Dr. Bob Wright

The Symposium has selected Kluwer of the Netherlands for the publisher of their Proceedings.

Non-profit Organization Displays - Any organization which registers for the symposium will be entitled to put up a poster.







New Business

FAR-B Distinguished Scientist Award - Frank Longen

This award is usually presented at the Symposium. The Symposium Committee was asked to come up with their nominations which should be related to the theme of the Symposium.

Symposium Treasurer -Al Herner

FAR-B received their first check from Al.

Nomination Committee for Board of Directors - Dr. Kearney

Dr. Kearney will call for nominations and Mort Beroza will be Chair of the Nominating Committee. FAR-B plans to nominate Jack Neiners, a former administrator, to the Board of Directors.

Outgoing Members - Dr. Kearney

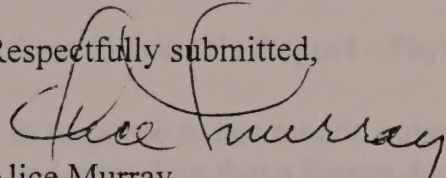
Walter Rawls was asked to prepare plaques for outgoing members. Dr. Kearney will provide Walter with whatever he needs.

Memorial Grove - Walter Rawls

It was suggested that the area between buildings 006 and 007 would be an appropriate memorial area which could be designed for trees and shrubbery. There are problems with putting name tags on trees as there are government regulations to which we must adhere. USNA can assist us in designing a garden if needed. The University of Maryland is also interested in assisting in this project. Dr. Murrell suggested we work with the Arboretum.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Alice Murray

Recording Secretary

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THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD: Friday, March 7, Room 020, Building 003, at 1 p.m.









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The FAR-B Board of Directors met March 7, 1997 in B-003, Room 020. Those in attendance were: Phyllis Johnson, William A. Bailey, Phil Kearney, Frank Longen, Pat Jackson, Bill Hollis, M. Beroza, John Moseman, Walter Rawls, Ron Korcak, and Essex Finney.

### Comments by Dr. Kearney:

Gary Evans is on travel and unable to attend our meeting.

**Educational Outreach** - Dr. Korcak sent a letter to FAR-B regarding Nicholas Orr Middle School in Prince George's County. Nicholas Orr is an adopted school by the Beltsville Area. Because many schools have experienced cutbacks in funding, they have cut back on field trips. These students made up a sizeable portion of visitors at the National Visitor Center; consequently, Log Lodge attendance has decreased drastically. We are considering a program where the 8th grade teachers could ask students to view the home pages of our BARC labs, vote for their favorites, and visit three of those labs with the sponsorship of FAR-B. Dr. Kearney thinks this would be a good opportunity for us to attract students to the scientific field, and we will discuss this in detail at the next meeting. One question we need to answer is whether the schools have internet access. Dr. Hollis urged inclusion of three to four schools instead of being limited to just one school.

### Treasurer's Report - Bill Bailey

The Budget report is enclosed with the Minutes.

### Special Committees - Walter Rawls

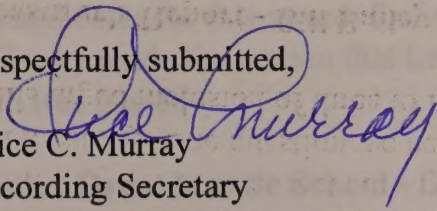
The **Memorial Garden** project is still in the developmental stage. We are awaiting to hear from Tom Elias at the USNA. If the Arboretum cannot assist us, we will approach the University of Maryland. Headquarters also has questions as to whether we can use plaques.

### Area Director's Report - Phyllis Johnson

In response to last month's questions on Patron membership, Dr. Johnson clarified that if it is the understanding that a Patron does not get anything except one's name on the membership list, and as long as it is clear that an ARS employee cannot vote, there is no problem with accepting money from such individuals.

The meeting adjourned at 2 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Alice C. Murray  
Recording Secretary

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The Next Board of Director's Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 1997, at 1:00 PM, Rm. 238, B-003.









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The FAR-B Board of Directors met April 8, 1997 in Conference Room 238, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were: Morton Beroza, George Irving, Phil Kearney, Pat Jackson, Jack Meiners, Wm.A. Bailey, Essex Finney, Darwin Murrell, Gary Evans, Ken Gross, Ron Korcak and Walter Rawls.

President Kearney called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### Comments by Dr. Kearney

**Jack Meiners** was welcomed to the Board. Dr. Meiners gave the Board a rundown of his past career activities.

**BARC Poster Day** - Dr. Kearney advised the Board that the amount of \$400 was transferred to a caterer to fund a luncheon for BARC Poster Day. This was requested by Dr. Tim Kramer who co-chaired this successful event with Dr. Joan Conway.

**17th International Symposium on Plant Viruses** - Sometime ago Al Stoner asked if FAR-B could help manage money they are collecting for this symposium to be held at NIH. They had opened an account at Riggs Bank. However, this was complicated by the necessity of using the personal social security number of one of their members. Our accounts are at Crestar and the Symposium money has been transferred to our account, but separate records will be kept. At Dr. Finney's suggestion it was agreed that a letter would be written to their organization expressing the fact that FAR-B will not underwrite any losses they may incur publishing their proceedings.

**Jerry Klun**, Research Leader, Insect Chemical Ecology Lab, PSI, called Dr. Kearney regarding a Congressional hearing he attended. The land grant colleges made an impressive presentation to Congress about what land grant universities are doing for American agriculture. He wondered if FAR-B might be able to do the same thing. Dr. Kearney called Pat Tippet at Ivy Lane to ascertain the current ethics code for FAR-B retirees. It was her opinion there is no ethical reason why FAR-B cannot do this, with certain conditions. If we choose to proceed, Dr. Kearney would write a letter to her confirming his understanding of the ethics code and seeking in writing her clarification. Pat Tippet also suggested that Dr. Kearney call the Director of Legislative Affairs, Maurene Kelly (202-720-3804), to seek further information for us, which he will do.

**Symposium Award** - Bob Wright called to inform FAR-B that the Symposium Committee has two candidates for this award: Rufus Chaney and Larry Sikora. After much discussion, Dr. Finney made the motion that Larry Sikora be selected; Bill Bailey seconded the motion which was passed.

**Nicholas Orem Middle School** - Dr. Kearney is interested in assisting the principal of this







school with a program which would enable the students to visit the Beltsville Area labs to encourage an interest in the scientific fields. We would also assist the students in using computer skills, particularly learning about BARC through the internet. One of FAR-B's retirees, Hank Dickson, expressed an interest in helping out in this venture. This would be a project we could begin in the fall.

### **Area Office Report - K. D. Murrell**

**Gary Evans**, Director of the Natural Resources Institute, was introduced to FAR-B and gave a rundown to FAR-B of his varied career. Gary Evans came on board in September of 1996. Dr. Evans also gave an overview of his vision for NRI.

**Brochure** - Dr. Murrell passed out copies of the new brochure for the US National Arboretum. He is hoping to come up with a new, attractive, user-friendly pamphlet for the Beltsville Area which can be distributed to visitors hopefully by this summer.

**Personnel Changes** - Dr. Dick Zimmerman is the new research leader of the Fruit Lab.

**Plant Molecular Biology Lab** - Due to overlaps of research with other programs in other labs, PSI proposed to close that lab and reassign their scientists to other labs. This has been done. Dr. Mattoo is acting research leader of the Vegetable Lab.

Sometime ago a **Brazilian research group** initiated an exchange of lab personnel with other countries. Last year they searched for campuses to which they could assign their senior scientists to work/collaborate with our scientists for perhaps three years. Before their representatives returned to Brazil, ARS put together a proposal which included a coordinator's office, secretary, and computer support. Brazil has just notified us that they accepted BARC's proposal, rather than competing proposals from Cornell, Davis and Florida. The benefit to ARS would be the assistance of their senior scientists to supplement our research projects here. Over the next 6 months we will be putting together a legal structure for this agreement.

**1998 Symposium** - The 1998 BARC Symposium Co-chairs were introduced: Dr. Ken Gross, Research Leader of Horticultural Crops Quality Lab and Dr. C. Y. Wang from the same lab in B-002. The Topic will be "Fresh Fruits and Vegetables - Quality and Food Safety." As food safety is a major concern globally, this topic was thought to be very timely.

**Mini-Symposiums** - From time to time Dr. Murrell has had conversations with Institute Directors and the Area Office regarding future symposium themes. He proposed a new symposium system; namely, alternate a major symposium the following year with a mini-symposium with a narrower focus. He asked if a pilot test could be tried after the 1998 symposium and perhaps try two mini-symposiums and then evaluate their effectiveness. Hopefully, this would showcase what we do here. Dr. Finney expressed his support of this pilot program and after some discussion, it was agreed that FAR-B would try this new approach.







### **Treasurer's Report - Bill Bailey**

The Treasurer's Annual Report was passed out to the Board as well as the monthly reports for March and April. Bill Bailey clarified questions raised by the members. He will file the appropriate tax forms as soon as he learns the due date for the forms.

### **Special Committees - Ron Korcak**

**Beltsville Symposium XXII** - Final preparations are being readied for the May 4-8, 1997 Beltsville Symposium on Beneficial Co-Utilization of Agricultural, Municipal, and Industrial By-Products. Currently, about 100 people have registered as participants and speakers. Additionally, two poster sessions are scheduled for the evenings of May 5 and 6 at the Holiday Inn Grand Ballroom. FAR-B will be presenting the Distinguished Scientist award on Monday, May 5 at the opening of the Symposium. The Symposium co-chairs and Organizing Committee would like to express their appreciation to FAR-B for the cooperation in the planning and staging of the Symposium.

### **Memorial Garden - Walter Rawls**

No new developments.

### **Beltsville Brochure**

The draft of the new brochure currently features the symposium of the current year. This will date the brochure and Dr. Kearney asked if it could be edited using a more generic symposium notation such as a web site address. Approximately 200 copies for \$300 would be printed. It would be used not for general distribution but for specific occasions such as for Congress. Walter suggested we might ask USNA to print it. He will follow up on this.

### **Old Business**

**May Newsletter** - We need items for the newsletter which will come out in May. Hopefully, articles will be forthcoming by April 18.

**Contributions** - We received \$200 from the National Aggregate Association.

### **New Business**

**NAL** - Dr. Kearney is interested in pursuing NAL as part of FAR-B, and is hoping to talk to their Director, Pam Andre. The benefit to FAR-B would be increased membership and dues as well as an expansion of educational benefits. FAR-B would offer memberships to NAL on the FAR-B Board of Directors. Dr. Finney urged Dr. Kearney to make an appointment with Dr. Andre to ascertain whether this venture is possible.

**Nicholas Orem Middle School** - FAR-B is willing to finance the cost of PG County school





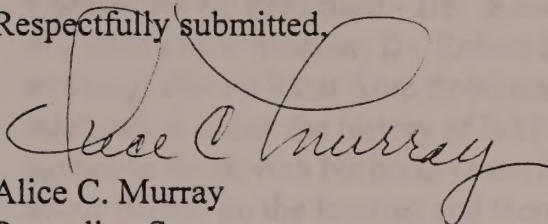


buses, probably \$350 to bus 100 students to the Beltsville Area. Details of this venture must be worked out with the principal for the fall of 1997. Hank Dickson (formerly of the Hydrology Lab) was suggested as an excellent resource to assist these students. His expertise is computers and he works well with students.

**Congressional Liaison Committee** - Dr. Kearney will contact the Congressional Liaison Officer (suggested by Pat Tippet) to see if a Focus Group would be appropriate for us. We need more information so we can discuss further.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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#### **Comments by President - Dr. Kearney**

We have a new member, Dr. Robert L. Smiley, a recent retiree and maybe our retirement letter is working. Have a letter from Robinson & Associates requesting we include a press release for information about the history of BARC in our next newsletter. Ron Korcak and Bill Hollis have agreed to work with Nicholas Orem Middle School in developing a program for students to learn about BARC on the Internet and then come visit selected labs. Contacted the ARS ethics people and there is no problem for FARB as an organization to speak on special issues which affect BARC. Dr. Finney agreed to head up a focus group to develop guidelines for FARB. Frank Longen and I met with Pam Andrea, Director of NAL and informed her about FARB and explored options about future cooperation with the NAL staff and associates. At the Beltsville Symposium on May 5, I presented FARB Distinguished scientist Award To Dr. Larry Sikora. The newsletter is scheduled to go out in June. We will be putting out the announcement for applicants for the FARB fellowship program in July.

#### **Beltsville Area Report - Dr. Johnson**

The White House has not submitted nomination for the Under Secretary. Rumors are it will be Dr. Gonzales from Extension in New Mexico. The Senate hearings went well and the markup on the 98 budget is expected soon. The ARS Grand Forks labs received a lot of damage and most of the agency discretionary funds will be used to get the labs operating. BARC Public Field Day will be held on June 7 and a flyer was passed out. The occupancy of the new USDA complex will be announced soon.

#### **Treasurers Report - Bill Bailey**

Treasurers report was handed out. The symposium finances are not complete. Also a list of people who have joined FARB was included, we are down about 19 members.

#### **1997 BARC Symposium**

The Symposium abstract book was handed out. There were about 160 participants. A financial statement was handed out and they are still negotiating how many copies of the proceedings will be published to try and break even on the symposium. It was suggested that in the future might hold the symposium at a time not to conflict with college finals might get more participants. Also, should check to make sure it doesn't conflict with other meetings. Might consider getting a co-sponsor.





### **Old Business**

The pros and cons of merging the NAL Associates was discussed and it was decided that Phil and Frank would meet again with Pam to determine their interest and discuss the board concerns about the differences in culture and accountability.

### **New Business**

Frank introduced a problem about a book being published on animal disease control. FARB was invited to attend a meeting with Dr. Knipling earlier in May to discuss this book. Since FARB did not attend the meeting, Dr Finney will check with Dr. Knipling to find out what resulted from the meeting. John Kucharski (ARS. Info.) reported that Steve Berberick has been assigned permanently to headquarters and Jay Green is presently acting as head of the visitors center. The renovation of the Visitors Center is complete and the Lincoln Room is a conference room. There are plans underway to have new displays and to rotate them on a regular basis. Also, plans to put the Hall Of Fame on the Internet. Great efforts to make the Visitors center a Showplace.

**Next Meeting of Board of Directors - June 10, 1997 at 1 pm room 238, Bldg 003.**

Minutes taken by

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## Beltsville Symposium XXII Income and Expenses

**FAR-B Income:** \$16150 registration fees received

\$ 3250 registration fee IOUs

\$ 2200 sponsor gifts

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\$21600 total

**FAR-B Expenses:** \$4676 Holiday Inn functions

\$5475 Holiday Inn rooms

\$6840 Caterer

\$ 270 Tour Bus

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\$17261 total

Available to pay for the book: \$4339

**Other Income:** \$10000 Beltsville Area

\$ 5000 registration fees from Beltsville participants

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\$15000 total

**Other Expenses:** \$12000 invited speaker expenses, program costs (estimate)

Available to pay for the book: \$3000

**Total Funds Available to pay for the book: \$7339**

*300 copies \$12,000  
need to sell some books*







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#### **Comments by President - Dr. Kearney**

We have a new member, Dr. Robert L. Smiley, a recent retiree and maybe our retirement letter is working. Have a letter from Robinson & Associates requesting we include a press release for information about the history of BARC in our next newsletter. Ron Korcak and Bill Hollis have agreed to work with Nicholas Orem Middle School in developing a program for students to learn about BARC on the Internet and then come visit selected labs. Contacted the ARS ethics people and there is no problem for FARB as an organization to speak on special issues which affect BARC. Dr. Finney agreed to head up a focus group to develop guidelines for FARB. Frank Longen and I met with Pam Andrea, Director of NAL and informed her about FARB and explored options about future cooperation with the NAL staff and associates. At the Beltsville Symposium on May 5, I presented FARB Distinguished scientist Award To Dr. Larry Sikora. The newsletter is scheduled to go out in June. We will be putting out the announcement for applicants for the FARB fellowship program in July.

#### **Beltsville Area Report - Dr. Johnson**

The White House has not submitted nomination for the Under Secretary. Rumors are it will be Dr. Gonzales from Extension in New Mexico. The Senate hearings went well and the markup on the 98 budget is expected soon. The ARS Grand Forks labs received a lot of damage and most of the agency discretionary funds will be used to get the labs operating. BARC Public Field Day will be held on June 7 and a flyer was passed out. The occupancy of the new USDA complex will be announced soon.

#### **Treasurers Report - Bill Bailey**

Treasurers report was handed out. The symposium finances are not complete. Also a list of people who have joined FARB was included, we are down about 19 members.

#### **1997 BARC Symposium**

The Symposium abstract book was handed out. There were about 160 participants. A financial statement was handed out and they are still negotiating how many copies of the proceedings will be published to try and break even on the symposium. It was suggested that in the future might hold the symposium at a time not to conflict with college finals might get more participants. Also, should check to make sure it doesn't conflict with other meetings. Might consider getting a co-sponsor.





## Old Business

The pros and cons of merging the NAL Associates was discussed and it was decided that Phil and Frank would meet again with Pam to determine their interest and discuss the board concerns about the differences in culture and accountability.

## New Business

Frank introduced a problem about a book being published on animal disease control. FARB was invited to attend a meeting with Dr. Knipling earlier in May to discuss this book. Since FARB did not attend the meeting, Dr. Finney will check with Dr. Knipling to find out what resulted from the meeting. John Kucharski (ARS. Info.) reported that Steve Berberick has been assigned permanently to headquarters and Jay Green is presently acting as head of the visitors center. The renovation of the Visitors Center is complete and the Lincoln Room is a conference room. There are plans underway to have new displays and to rotate them on a regular basis. Also, plans to put the Hall Of Fame on the Internet. Great efforts to make the Visitors center a Showplace.

## Next Meeting of Board of Directors - June 10, 1997 at 1 pm room 238, Bldg 003.

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## **FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—BELTSVILLE, INC.**

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### **FAR-B Board of Directors Minutes of June 10, 1997 Meeting**

The FAR-B Board of Directors met June 10, 1997 in conference room 238, Bldg.003. Those in attendance were Frank Longen, Morton Beroza, George Irving, Phil Kearney, Pat Jackson, Bill Bailey, Jack Meiners, Walter Rawls, Darwin Murrell, Essex Finney, Jeff Buyers, Ron Korcak and Jeanette Baylor.

#### **Comments by President - Dr. Kearney**

The deadline for information for the next newsletter is June 15. To improve our newsletter we have added a new section on News of Our Members and have requested information on several members outside the area. As you know, we were going to put out the announcement on our new travel grant program for BARC scientists; however, Dr. Murrell asked us to switch dates with the area because of fiscal year funding restraints. Our first travel grant will be given next spring. We have worked out the details on helping sponsoring the International Congress of Plant Diseases being coordinated by Al Stoner. We are continuing exploring with NAL possibilities of their Associate program combining with FARB. The Information Staff did not need a summer intern and requested that the position be used at the National Visitors Center and they're progressing with the hiring process.

#### **Beltsville Area Report - Dr. Murrell**

Public Open House held June 7th was very successful and between 2,000 and 5,000 people attended. With the increase of people there is a need for more guides and FARB members might consider volunteering next year. Also, FARB might consider having a membership booth at the Public Open House next year and at the upcoming Sustainable Agricultural Field day being held on July 16 and 18. BARC is recruiting for 19 new scientists this year. Part of the USDA complex is scheduled to open late this year and ARS headquarters at Ivy Lane will be moving in and discussions are under way for other ARS units to move also. My recent trip to Denmark was very rewarding. Attached is a recent paper we prepared on the Educational, State and Regional benefits from Research at BARC. We are distributing this to interested persons.

#### **Treasurers Report - Bill Bailey**

Treasurers report was handed out. The 1997 Symposium finances are almost complete.

#### **Old Business**

Funding questions were raised about the merger of FARB and NAL Associates which should be considered.





Ron Korcak drafted a letter to Nicholas Orem about our out reach program and will be visiting the school soon.

The color brochure presented at the last meeting was discussed and Walter was requested to get other printing bids. It was decided that this brochure was good to be distributed to selected people and use the old one for the general public.

### **New Business**

Dr Jeff Buyer presented the Chemistry and Kids outreach program he has been helping to run for schools in PG County which is sponsored by The American Chemical Society. The program has 24 volunteers and visits 5th graders at 3 schools. It has been a great success and they want to expand it; however, they need more volunteers and funds for supplies. He was wondering if FARB might be able to help. The board approved the expenditure of \$ 500 for this program for next year

**Next Meeting of Board of Directors - September 9, 1997 at 1 pm room 238, Bldg 003.**

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met September 9, 1997 in conference room 238, Bldg.003. Those in attendance were Frank Longen, Morton Beroza, George Irving, Phil Kearney, Pat Jackson, Bill Bailey, Jack Meiners, Walter Rawls, Phyllis Johnson, Essex Finney, Al Herner, Larry Sikora, Bob Wright, Ken Gross and John Kucharski. *absent*

#### Comments by President - Dr. Kearney

Dr Irving called this morning and will not be attending because of a bad cold. It is my pleasure to announce that Dr. Mort Beroza has been elected to the ARS Hall of Fame and will be recognized at a special ceremony on September 24th at the Arboretum. It is with sadness that I announce the passing of Bill Ennis and Clarence Britt. With your permission, I would like to invite from our membership one guest to attend our monthly board meetings. This is an opportunity to look at potential board members and for them to see if they want to become actively involved. The board agreed with this and Phil will invite Bill Talent to the October Meeting.

#### Beltsville Area Report - Dr. Johnson

Dr. Murrell is presently Acting Deputy Administrator for NPS, I am Acting Area Director And Dr Cole is Acting Associate Area Director. Dr. Gonzalez has been confirmed as Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education and Extension. Dr. Reginato will be retiring as Associate Administrator of ARS the end of October. Jane Giles is taking a early out the end of September. Dr. Horn is still acting deputy under secretary. The interview process for ADA for Natural Resources and Sustainable Systems has been completed and the person should be named soon. Dr Rexroad has been named ADA for Animal Science. It is with sadness I report that Dr. van Schilfgaarde has prostate cancer and will be going to Switzerland for treatment. If you would like to send him a card, you can contact the Area Office for his address.

The two field days held in summer were a great success and I would like to thank FARBE for their support. On October 24th there will be a South African plant Exhibit at the Arboretum. Also they will be introducing a plant named for Tipper Gore. We have been participating in Secretary Glickman's program to give food to the local food banks which was produced at BARC. Presently the new National Research Programs are being reviewed and can be obtained from my office or on the Web.

ARS NPS and the Ivy Lane Administrative services will be moving into the Sunnyside Facility the first half of next year. ARS will be the major tenant in the facility. BARC modernization we presently have a new controlled environment facility under construction next Bldg. 010a; Construction on Bldg. 004 will start this fall; FY98 we have \$3.2 million which will be used to put in a fiber optics back bone and modernization of animal facilities. We hope to get more modernization money in FY99.





## **Treasurers Report - Bill Bailey**

No treasurers report was made. The 1997 Symposium finances are projected to range between a deficit of \$5,900 to a profit of \$4,000 depending on sale of the proceedings.

## **Reports**

Ken Gross gave a update on 1998 Beltsville Symposium which will be held May 3-6, 1998(see attachment)

Frank Longen reported that Jim Bean donated \$5,000 for human nutrition. The money donated last year is going to be used to bring a visiting scientist from the Cleveland Clinic.

Frank also gave a update on membership and it seems that the biggest lost is with the associate membership. He will continue sending post cards in January and reminders in April.

John Kucharski from the visitors center reported that had been made the permanent director of the Visitors center Bob Norton retired as Director of the Information Division and Sandy Hayes is acting director. The visitors center moved into the publication branch and the information division budget will be very tight next year. Some changes proposed for the visitors center are (1) running tours on weekends; (2) petting zoo; (3) nature trail is almost completed; (4) start back up the Roads Scholar program; (5) center is available for special events and will be closed to the public. Jay and Jeanette are still giving tours. John thanked FARBE for the intern they funded this past summer.

No report on the cooperation with the Nicholas Orem School.

## **Old Business**

No old Business to report.

## **New Business**

Tom Sexton requested \$1000 for his poultry field day to be held on October 7th and Larry Sikora requested \$ 300 for the dedication of the New Compost Facility on October 20th. The two request were approved.

Because November 11th is a holiday the November board meeting has been moved to Monday November 10th at 1pm, room 238.

**Next Meeting of Board of Directors - October 14, 1997 at 1 pm room 238, Bldg 003.**

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No insurance report was made. The 1977 investigation findings are projected to range between a deficit of \$2,000 to a profit of \$1,000 depending on sales of the products.

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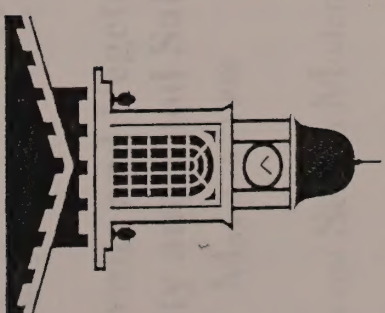
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## First Announcement

### Beltsville Symposium XXXIII

## Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: Quality and Food Safety

May 3-6, 1998

### Topics and Session Moderators

- ◆ Fresh Fruits and Vegetables—Patterns of Consumption  
Chien Yi Wang, ARS, Beltsville, MD
- ◆ What Is Quality and How Is it Measured?  
Miklos Faust, ARS, Beltsville, MD
- ◆ Preharvest Factors Affecting Quality  
William Bramlage, Univ. of Massachusetts
- ◆ Postharvest Factors Affecting Quality  
Adel Kader, Univ. of California, Davis
- ◆ Current Issues in Food Safety  
William Romig, EPL Technologies, West Conshohocken, PA
- ◆ Current Issues in Fresh-cut Produce  
Edith Garrett, International Fresh-cut Produce Association, Alexandria, VA



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### **Far-B Board of Directors Minutes of October 14, 1997 Meeting**

The FAR-B Board of Directors met October 14, 1997 in Conference Room 238, Bldg 003. Those in attendance were George Irving, Morton Beroza, Jay Green, Bill Bailey, Jack Meiners, Essex Finney, Darrell Cole, Roger Lawson, Bill Tallent, Pat Jackson, and Phil Kearney.

#### **Comments by the President - Dr. Kearney**

Frank Longen will not be able to join us today because of an illness in his family. I want to introduce Dr. Bill Tallent, who will be with us today as part of our Monthly Board Meeting. We had decided last time to invite certain of our members to take part in our meetings to see if there was any mutual interest in future FAR-B participation. I also want to introduce Dr. Roger Lawson, NPL, Sugar and Horticulture Crops, who has a proposal he will discuss with us later in the meeting. We three new members or renewals; Dr. Bob Wright, Jim McMurtrey and John Kucharski. I would like Dr. Mort Beroza to give us a report on the dinner honoring him as a new member of the ARS Hall of Fame. Dr. Sexton was notified that we would support the BARC Poultry Field Day and Dr. Sikora was notified that we would support the Dedication of the new Compost Facility.

#### **Beltsville Area Report - Dr. Darrell Cole**

Dr. Johnson is out with a cold today and Dr. Cole gave us the Area report. There were some funds at the end of FY 97 for equipment purchases at BARC. The Poultry Field Day was very successful with about 50 people attending. Three Institutes were involved in the Poultry Field day meeting, where waste handling was a major issue. A new program is underway to look at the use of compost material in vegetable crop production, as part of the Food Safety Program. The budget for 1998 looks good for ARS, although it contains some 200 items that were not in the Presidents budget. Some of these items may be subject to a line item veto at the White level. The renovation money for BARC this year will be used to upgrade the Feed Center and installing a fiber optic cable to upgrade computer communication at the station. A contract has been let to renovate Bldg 004 and hopefully construction will be completed in 18 months. Funds have also be allocated for design plans for the new Human Nutrition Center. The National Program Staff and some Headquarters staff will be moving out of Bldg. 005 into the new USDA complex on Sunnyside Rd. This will cause some problems for BARC, since the building will have to be maintained and possibly upgraded to meet the needs of the Center. It was announced that Dr. Davis was the Area Outstanding Scientist and Dr. Laura McConnell was the Outstanding Young Scientist of the year. They will be honored at a ceremony sometime later in the year.

#### **Treasurers Report - Bill Bailey**

The treasurer gave us a full balance account of the expenses and income for the Symposium coordinated by Al Stoner. It looks like FAR-B will make about \$2,000 from this Symposium.





Our current balance looks good and we will be working with Ken Gross to assist in the next symposium on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: Quality and Food Safety slated for May 1998.

#### **National Visitors Center - Jay Green**

Jay announced that Steve Berberich has retired from ARS. Sanda Hays will complete her 120 day assignment as acting Director of Agriculture Information this month. The Visitors Center is getting a lot of visitors and they are looking at the possibility of establishing a petting zoo at the Log Lodge.

#### **Special Committees - Dr. Kearney**

Dr. Roger Lawson discussed with the Board a proposal to sponsor a special symposium and workshops on Foods, Phytonutrients and Health. This is a joint venture between the Nutritionists and Plant Scientists. A three day meeting is envisioned, the first day at the Patio downtown and then a two day workshop at the Inn and Conference Center (formerly called the Adult Education Center) at the University of Maryland. The meeting is scheduled for March 9-11, 1998 and about 80 people are anticipated to attend. Roger will supply us with a draft program so we can discuss sponsorship at our next meeting.

#### **Old Business**

No old business to report.

#### **New Business**

Dr. Kearney wants to start a membership drive this winter and next spring to increase revenues. A three part program is envisioned, first to contact the 24 members that did not renew their dues last year. A letter was prepared and sent to these people requesting their support. A second phase of the drive will be to attract new associate members at BARC. A third effort will be to establish an industrial liaison committee to contact these people and seek their support for FAR-B activities. Dr. Kearney will contact Board members to seek their ideas and assistance.

**Next Meeting of Board of Directors - Monday, November 10 at 1pm Room 238. Bldg 003.**

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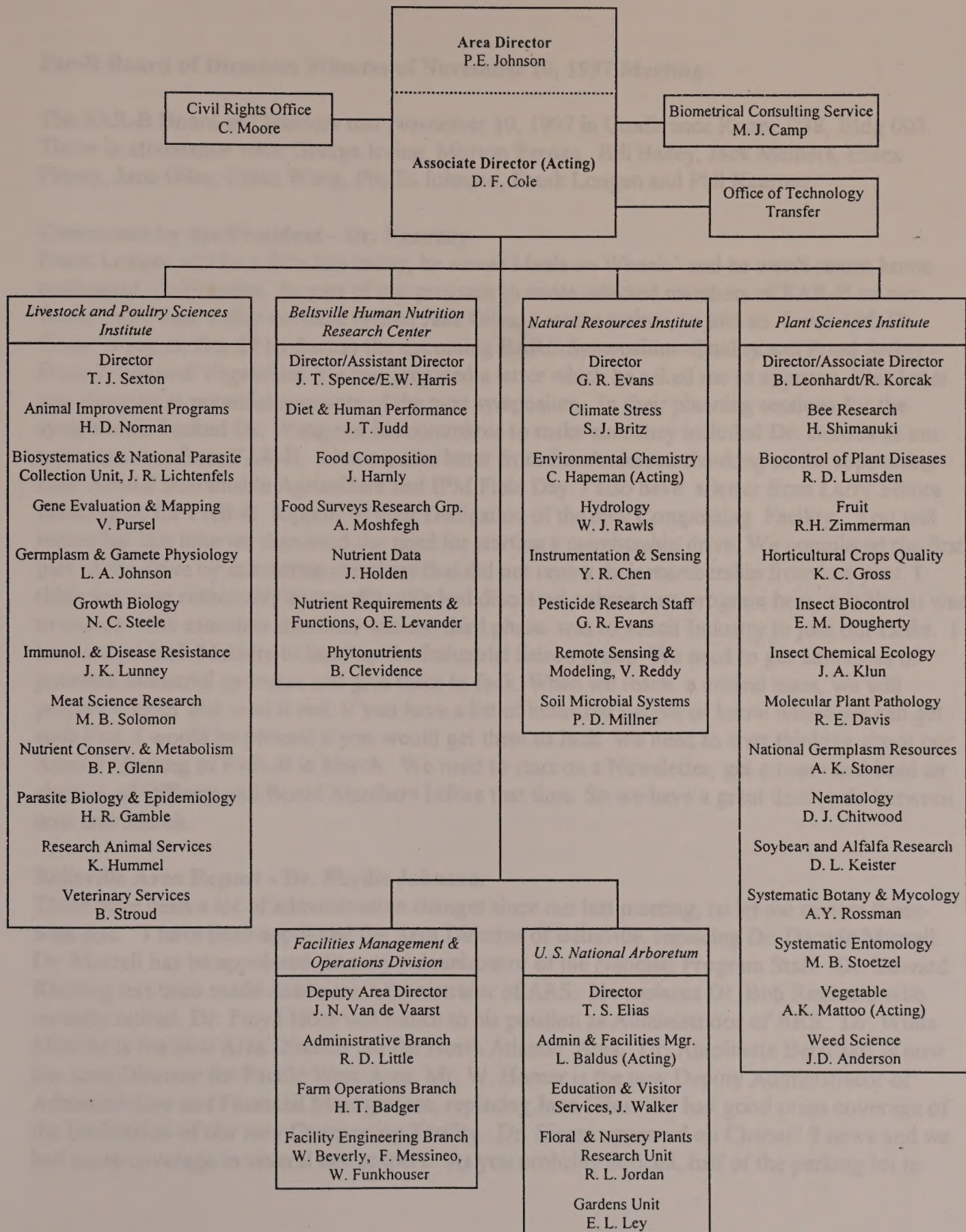
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## FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—BELTSVILLE, INC.

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### **Far-B Board of Directors Minutes of November 10, 1997 Meeting**

The FAR-B Board of Directors met November 10, 1997 in Conference Room 238, Bldg 003. Those in attendance were George Irving, Morton Beroza, Bill Bailey, Jack Meiners, Essex Finney, Jane Giles, Chien Wang, Phyllis Johnson, Frank Longen and Phil Kearney.

#### **Comments by the President - Dr. Kearney**

Frank Longen will be a little late today, he serves Meals on Wheels" and he won't return home until about 12:30 today. As part of our program to invite selected members of FAR-B to our Board meetings, today we have invited Jane Giles, a recent retiree, to join us. I met with Dr. Chien Wang on Oct 27 to discuss the upcoming BARC Symposium -Quality and Food Safety - Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. He had prepared a letter which he asked me to approve. This letter was directed at potential sponsors of the next symposium. In their planning sessions for the symposium, I asked Dr. Wang and his committee to make sure they included Dr. Beroza as our representative from FAR-B. I have a nice letter from Jim Anderson thanking us for supporting their Annual Sustainable Agriculture and IPM Field Day. I also have a letter from Larry Sikora thanking us for FAR-B support of their Dedication of the new Composting Facility. You will remember last time we discussed the need for starting a membership drive. We completed the first part of the drive by contacting members that did not renew their membership from last year. I think we were reasonably successful. We had discussed a three part program here, one thrust was to recruit new associate members and the third phase was to solicit Industry to join our ranks. I have asked Jack Meiners to head up the Industrial liaison group. We need to get addresses of potential industrial sponsors and give them to Jack. When we reach a critical mass, we will prepare a letter and send it out. If you have a list of industrial people or know where we can get such lists, I would be pleased if you would get them to Jack. We need to start thinking about our Annual Meeting of FAR-B in March. We need to start on a Newsletter, get a room and hold an election of Officers and Board Members before that time. So we have a great deal to do between now and March.

#### **Beltsville Area Report - Dr. Phyllis Johnson.**

There have been a lot of administrative changes since our last meeting, so let me review those with you. I have been appointed the Area Director of Beltsville, replacing Dr. Darwin Murrell. Dr. Murrell has been appointed Deputy Administrator of the National Program Staff. Dr. Edward Knipling has been made Associate Administrator of ARS. He replaces Dr. Bob Reginato who recently retired. Dr. Floyd Horn will return to his position as Administrator of ARS. Dr. Wilda Matinez is the new Area Director for the North Atlantic Area. Dr. Antoinette Betschart is now the Area Director for Pacific West Area. Mr. W. Horner is the new Deputy Administrator of Administrative and Financial Management, replacing Jane Giles. We had good press coverage of the Dedication of our new Composting Facility. Dr. Sikora appeared on Channel 9 news and we had some coverage in several newspapers. As you probably noticed, half of the parking lot in







back of Bldg 003 has been taken for use by the contractor, who is starting on renovation of Bldg 004. We anticipate this project will take about 2 years to complete. We have initiated a new Supervisory Training Program for our personnel at BARC. Enrollment for these courses has been extremely good and we hope this training will help us avoid some real personnel management problems in the future. BARC is having problems filling several Agricultural Engineering positions for which we have vacancies. These people can make excellent salaries outside of government and we are having a difficult time competing for these people. We would like to seek FAR-B's support in a planned interview with several perspective candidates.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Bill Bailey**

The latest financial report (handout) indicates we are in good financial shape.. We will be working with the next BARC Symposium Committee as registration begins. We have some unused funds returned to us from the Dedication of the Waste Facility.

#### **Special Committees**

BARC Symposium - May 4-8, 1998. Dr Chien Wang reported that they are making progress with the letter for Dr. Kearney's signature and collecting names of potential sponsors. They also plan to have their second announcement out by the next Board meeting. This announcement will have all of the registration details. Holiday Inn has prepared a special brochure outlining rates and extra services offered to the Symposium attendees. The Symposium Committee does not plan to hold a banquet.

Food, Phytonutrients and Health March 9-11, 1998. Dr. Lawson has asked Dianne Odland (301-344-21110) ARS Information Staff to work with us on this Symposium. She supplied a copy of a 10/17/97 draft of the program to Dr. Kearney. At this time, the Board decided it needed additional budgetary information before we could approve this request for sponsorship. Dr. Kearney will contact Dianne Odland for additional information.

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### **New Business - Dr. Kearney**

Dr. Kearney pointed out we need to get ready for the Annual FAR-B meeting in March. First we will need a nominating Committee. I have asked Mort Beroza if he would chair the Nominating Committee. We will need to nominate a new President, since my term is up. Frank Longen indicated that he would like to be replaced as Vice President. I would ask Mort to solicit the Board of Directors to see where they stand and whether they want to serve another term.

**Next Meeting of Board of Directors-Tuesday, December 9 at 1 pm Room 238, Bldg 003.**

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met December 9, 1997 in Conference Room 238, Bldg 003. Those in attendance were George Irving, Morton Beroza, Bill Bailey, Jack Meiners, John Kucharski, Ken Gross, Walter Rawls, Darrell Cole, Frank Longen and Phil Kearney.

#### **Comments by the President - Dr. Kearney**

As you remember from the last meeting Roger Lawson requested our help with the special symposium "Phytonutrients, Food and Health" scheduled for March 9-11, 1998 and we requested more information. Attached is a memo from the organizers, a preliminary program, and a budget for our review which we will discuss under old business.

On November 20th I received a call from Linda Nicholson, ARS personnel Management asking FARB assistance in hosting the ARS Hall of Fame dinners and the ARS Awards Ceremonies which we need to discuss.

The membership drive is progressing. Jack Meiners is heading up the Industrial liaison part of the program. I called the last two symposium chairs and requested a list of industrial people they solicited for the symposium funds. I have not heard from them and we still need other contacts. It was brought up by Dr. Cole that he would get the names and addresses from the active area CRADA's and the NPS list of industrial contacts.

In June we had a visit from Jeff Buyer, who made a presentation on the "Chemistry and Kids" program he was coordinating which was an outreach program that is going out in to Prince Georges county schools and interest kids in chemistry. I called him earlier this month and he reported that he has three teams and one team has made 2 school visits and they will be using the funds (\$500) we set aside for them in the spring.

Phyllis Johnson asked us at the last meeting to assist them in hosting some potential Agricultural Engineering students from Penn State University for possible positions at BARC and ARS and we will be updated .

Frank is updating the MOU with BARC and we will be meeting with Dr Johnson soon to discuss it.

The annual meeting is coming up in March and we to start planning for it . Also, we need to get the Newsletter out and hope to use the group picture we took before the meeting as a feature with New Years Greetings.





**Beltsville Area Report - Dr. Darrell Cole.**

Phyllis and I would like to thank you for your help in hosting the six Penn State Agricultural Engineering students at BARC. We think we did an effective job exposing them to research in a federal institution and believe we have a good chance at hiring one of the students. Tomorrow is the annual ARS awards at 1pm and you all are invited. Also, Secretary Glickman will be at Beltsville for a photo shoot and we hope he will be able to attend the awards. The attached chart of Beltsville leadership was handed out. Also, handed out was a copy of the BARC area committee reports which was handed out at a recent leadership meeting. All the management changes reported by Dr. Johnson were made official. The renovation of Bldg. 004 and the environmental control facility are underway. Parking will be cramped during construction. A study is being performed on what to do with Bldg. 005 when NPS moves out. The attached newspaper article on the 6-legged deer killed in the area was handed out. Phyllis and I wish you all a happy holidays.

**ARS Visitors Center Report - John Kucharski**

They have had a lot of international visitors recently. We are trying to make the visitors center a meeting place for other USDA agencies as well as ARS. We are still coordinating with schools for ARS employees to be Science fair judges and we would welcome FARB members to be science fair judges. We are reestablishing the volunteer program and hope FARB will participate in this program. Also, we are starting to develop customize tours of BARC. Tomorrow we will be involved with Secretary Glickman's photo shoot.

**Treasurer's Report - Bill Bailey**

The latest financial report (handout) indicates we are in good financial shape..

**Special Committees**

BARC Symposium - May 4-8, 1998. Dr. Gross reported that preliminary planning was progressing and all the symposium committees would be meeting in January. The attached copy of the program was handed out.

Nominating Committee Report - Mort reported all board member would remain and need replacements for president and vice president. The board suggested some people for the committee to approach for these positions.

**Old Business**

Walter Rawls reported that Ron Korcak had made numerous attempts to start our outreach program with the BARC adopted school Nicholas Orem Middle School with no response and suggest we might consider using another school. Jack Meiners and Walter Rawls will look into other schools.

**New Business - Dr. Kearney**





A motion was made approved to assist ARS in hosting the Hall of Fame and ARS Awards Ceremonies.

A motion was made and approved to assist organizers of the Phytonutrients Food and Health Symposium by processing their registration fees.

**Next Meeting of Board of Directors-Tuesday, January 13 at 1 pm Room 238, Bldg 003.**

**HAVE A MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Minutes taken by Walter Rawls

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Tues 1/13/98 meeting

Ralph Bram - guest

Deadlines

1. Newsletter - Lawson input

2. FAR-B Fellowship Award - reserved for scientists GS-134 above -  
3 yrs. service at BARE.

3. Annual FAR-B meeting

Changed to 1st Tues in April, April 7.

In 003 Basement Conf. Room @ 2 PM

Board meeting at 1 PM.

Derrell Cole

Bllg 004 - now gutted.

25 Permanent Sts being recruited -

2 Retirements - Ben Galletta (Strawberry Breeder)  
at De Milo - pos. will not be filled.

1.7M in new funds in budget

Check Rec'd from Essy Timmer 100 - Patron Ch #6910 dtd 1/13/98

March 15 - deadline for nomination for Dist. Sr. Award  
Faust - Galletta - W. Stach

Beroza - Ch #1642 dtd 1/12/98 for 100  
Change to Patron